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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN ANGER OVER EXCLUSION FROM UNEF

REF: (A) USUN 4516; (B) MONTEVIDEO 3282

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ARA AREA ADVISOR (POOLE) NOVEMBER 7, URUGUAYAN PERM REP GIAMBRUNO SAID GOU IS FURIOUS OVER SOVIET "VETO" OF URUGUAY'S OFFER OF CONTINGENT FOR UNEF. HE SAID URUGUAY'S WAS FIRST FORMAL OFFER FROM ANY COUNTRY, SO THAT SOVIET EXCUSE RE LIMITIATION TO TWO CONTINGENTS FROM LATIN AMERICA RANG FALSE. SO DID SOVIET PRETEXT RE DESIRABILITY OF FAVORING CONTINGENTS (PANAMANIAN AND PERU VIAN) FROM SC MEMBERS, SINCE THIS CRITERION WAS NOT APPLIED TO OTHER AREAS. GIAMBRUNO BELIEVED REAL AREASON WAS CLEARLY URUGUAY'S FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL (TO WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE ADDED GOU'S PRO-WEST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST ATTITUDE).

2. GIAMBRUNO SAID THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS IN GOU, ESPECIALLY AMONG MILITARY, WHO ARE ADVOCATING BREAKING RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION, ALTHOUGH HE HIMSELF DOUBTED CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH DRASTIC STEP WAS WARRANTED. HE WILL BE LEAVING FOR

MONTEVIDEO EVENING NOVEMBER 8 FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS
CONSULTATIONS.

3. AREA ADVISOR ANSWERED GIAMBRUNO THAT WE TOO WERE VERY DISTRESSED OVER SOVIET "VETO," AND GAVE HIM EXPLANATION ALONG LINES REFTEL (B), STRESSING FACT THAT WE HAD GIVEN URUGUAYAN OFFER STRONG SUPPORT. GIAMBRUNO WAS AWARE OF THIS. AREA ADVISOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA HAD BEEN QUERIED BY FOR MIN BLANCO ON SUBJECT AND THAT USUN HAD PROVIDED BACKGROUND FOR AMB TO PASS ON TO FOR MIN.

4. GIAMBRUNO SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED AMB BENNETT LATE IN DAY TO ADVISE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR MONTEVIDEO. BENNETT WENT OVER WITH HIM SC NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAD LED TO URUGUAYAN EXCLUSION FROM UNEF, AND GIAMBRUNO APPEARED CONVINCED OF US POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR URUGUAY. HE HAD SOVIET BEHAVIOR FULLY IN MIND BUT SEEMED RELATIVELY RELAXED AND SAID HE HOPED NOT TOO MUCH WEIGHT WOULD BE PUT ON MATTER BY GOU. BENNETT REMINDED GIAMBRUNO THAT UNSYG ANTICIPATED THIRD PHASE OF UNEF RECRUITMENT AND SUGGESTED URUGUAY MIGHT WISH TO KEEP ITS OFFER OPEN.

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